

FOURTH EDITION

MORE ABOUT RECONSTRUCTION.

Another Report from the House Committee.

Our Special Despatches.

Further Report from the committee on Reconstruction.

Representative Boutwell to-day made a report from the Committee on Reconstruction, signed by himself and Representative Washburne, of Illinois, in which they state that the colored people are undoubtedly loyal, and one-half of the white people disloyal. East Tennessee is strongly loyal, and Middle and Western Tennessee disloyal. There are about 120,000 white males of the voting age, and 80,000 colored of the voting age—in all 200,000. The proposition of the Committee heretofore reported places the State Government in the hands of about 60,000, or three-tenths of the adult population, to the exclusion of seven-tenths.

Representatives Boutwell and Washburne think it better to give the elective franchise to all loyal men in order that the Government may be permanently maintained; therefore, they propose an amendment to the proposition by affixing another condition for the admission of Tennessee, namely, that in conferring the elective franchise no distinction shall be made as to race or color.

General Baker's Case. The case on the second indictment against General L. C. Baker, charging that he feloniously assaulted Mrs. Lucy R. Cobb, the pardon broker, and robbed her of two hundred dollars, came up to-day in the Criminal Court, but was postponed until the 26th inst., on account of the absence of General Baker's principal witness.

More Cruelty to the Freedmen. The Freedmen's Bureau has reports of further cruelties practiced upon freedmen in the lower part of Maryland by the Rebel population.

London Horticultural Exhibition. The Secretary of State has received through Minister Adams intelligence that an Industrial Exhibition of Horticulture will be held in London, commencing on the 23d, and ending on the 26th of May next. The citizens of the United States are invited to compete in the exhibition. The prizes amount to over \$13,000, and the Queen and the Prince of Wales have given their official patronage to the Exhibition. The papers relative to the details have been referred to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

American Ship Loss. The Consul of the United States at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, announces to the Department of State, under date of January 3, the wreck of the American ship William Tell, of Boston. She was wrecked on the 23d of December. The William Tell was of 1500 tons burden, and bound for the Cape of Good Hope.

CONGRESS.

Senate. WASHINGTON, March 8.—Mr. Van Winkle (West Virginia) presented the joint resolution of the West Virginia Legislature, asking Congress to pay the war claims of that State, growing out of the equipment, arming, and paying of the militia. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Fremont (Ill.) presented the petition of the officers of the Illinois Central Railroad, asking that the iron used in the construction of railroad bridges and other superstructures be exempted from excise duty.

Mr. Wilson (Mass.) introduced the petition of army officers for an increase of pay, which was referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Morgan (N. Y.), from the Committee on Finance, reported back the petition of the New York Union League Club, asking that Congress appropriate for the relief of Mrs. Lincoln the amount of money for the full term of office for which Mr. Lincoln was elected. Mr. Morgan asked that the Committee be discharged, the subject having been acted upon. It was so ordered.

Mr. Poland (Vt.) presented a joint resolution to amend the Constitution by disqualifying from voting or holding office all who have willingly taken part in the Rebellion. Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Henderson (Mo.) offered a series of resolutions declaratory of the duty of Congress, asserting that to Congress, and not to the Executive, belongs the power of re-establishing civil government in the lately seceded States, etc. Ordered to be printed.

The joint resolution to amend the Constitution on the subject of representation was taken up, and Mr. Morrill (Me.) took the floor.

House of Representatives. On motion of Mr. Schoebeck (Ohio), the Senate joint resolution, appropriating \$15,000 to reimburse Miss Clara Barton for money expended by her, and to aid in the further prosecution of the search for missing soldiers, was, by unanimous consent, taken from the Speaker's table, read three times, and passed.

Mr. Boutwell (Mass.), from the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, presented the views of the minority (himself and Mr. Washburne of Illinois) in regard to the admission of Tennessee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Higby (Cal.) on leave, introduced a bill granting the right of way to ditch and canal owners in California over public lands. Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

Mr. Eliot (Mass.) offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Secretary of War to communicate to the House all orders issued from time to time by Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Mr. Latham (Cal.), from the Committee on Printing, reported a resolution to print a thousand copies extra of the several reports of the Revenue Commissioners for the use of the Secretary of the Treasury. Adopted.

The Judiciary Committee being called for reports on the morning hour.

Mr. Wilson (Iowa), from that Committee, reported back with an amendment to the House bill to facilitate commercial, postal, and military communication among the several States.

Mr. Wilson explained that this was the bill which had passed the House and gone to the Senate, which it was recalled in order to amend it, so that it should not be construed to allow payment to land-grant railroads for services done for the Government. The amendment reported is in these terms:

Provided, That this act shall not affect any stipulation between the Government of the United States and any railroad company for transportation without compensation, nor impair or change the conditions imposed by the terms of any act granting lands to any such company to aid in the construction of its road.

At the suggestion of Mr. Conklin (N. Y.), the bill went over till Tuesday next, to be printed in the meantime.

Mr. Wilson also reported back the House bill to fix the number of Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and to change certain judicial districts, which was considered and passed.

It is enacted that hereafter the Supreme Court shall consist of one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices.

Mr. Wilson remarked that he should be in favor of a still further reduction of Judges, and that in the act to amend the judiciary system, which would soon come before the House, it might be well to provide for such reduction as vacancies occurred.

From Canada. Toronto, C. W., March 8.—The Globe of this morning has the following special despatch from Ottawa:

Immediately upon the arrival of the Hon. Mr. McGee from Montreal, a Cabinet Council was held. At this important sitting there were present John A. Macdonald, Gait, Campbell, McGee, Chapras, Backburn, and Ferguson Blair.

In view of the present circumstances, and the vast amount of property at stake, and the more important consideration, the protection of our fellow-subjects along the frontier, exposed to the marauding operations of the Fenians, it was resolved to call out 10,000 volunteers for the protection and defense of the Canadian frontier.

This step is adopted mainly as a precautionary measure, but if wants for more active service, the volunteers will be on hand. It is hoped that active exertions will not be necessary, but if they are, the Government relies on the loyalty and courage of the Canadian volunteers.

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MATTERS OVER THE RIVER.

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SCHOOLS FOR THE ORPHANS OF SOLDIERS. Governor Curtin, in his last message, referred to the fact that it was necessary to furnish educational facilities for the orphan children of those who have lost their lives in the service of the country. This is a debt that the country owes to the little ones, and what is more to the purpose, it will make good citizens of those who are left behind. The Hon. Thomas H. Burrows has been charged with the duty of looking after the interests of the soldiers' orphans, and he has accordingly been endeavoring to better hands. From a circular issued for the information of the public we glean the following facts, which will be of interest to all who desire to assist the worthy.

There are now twenty-three schools in operation, and eight more will shortly be opened. The schools are of two grades, one for the reception and tuition of children between the ages of four to eight years, and the other embracing those from eight to sixteen years. For convenience, the former class have been distributed in the various orphan's homes and asylums throughout the State, and they are clothed and maintained there at the expense of the Commonwealth. Orphans of the second class are located in special buildings with grounds attached, in various parts of the State, and they are under the charge of teachers appointed for that service.

The plan adopted secures the best instruction for the pupils which they are capable of receiving, with physical exercise and moral and religious education. At the present time there are about two thousand pupils in these schools, all the children of soldiers who have not left sufficient means for the support and education of their families. It is upon these children that the plan of accommodation increase the number of pupils will reach three thousand, which is estimated will be the highest number that will be attained. As the plan contemplates the binding out of the school children at the age of sixteen years, the aggregate of pupils will soon decrease, so that by the year 1870 the schools will be closed, and the trust will be fully discharged. The last appropriation, which was expended, or nearly so, on the 1st of January, 1866, was \$100,000. For the present year it is believed that \$250,000 will be sufficient, not only to pay the expenses of the school, but to administer partial relief in cases where the orphans will remain with their mothers or friends, and receive the advantages of home education.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT A WOOLLEN AND COTTON FACTORY THIS MORNING.—At an early hour this morning a fire occurred at the factory of Smith & Ivison, in Twenty-fourth street, above Green street. The factory is situated on the west side of Twenty-fourth street, and was used for the purpose of printing and finishing woollen and cotton goods. The building is a four-story brick edifice, to which is attached on the north side, a one-story frame structure. The property is owned by Mr. Christian Stiver, and was occupied by several parties, the principal of whom were Messrs. Smith & Ivison. The frame shed was occupied by Kluff & Walden, dyers. This shed was used for storing dyes and other material used in dyeing goods, and one portion of it constituted an apartment for bleaching yarn.

The fire originated in the bleaching establishment, and the outer shed, and its contents were totally destroyed. The fire made its way through the second, third, and fourth stories of the main or brick building, burning all the wood-work brought to the roof, greatly damaging the interior. The lower portion of the building, of the fire, but was considerably injured by water. The boilers of the establishment were located in the first story. Smith & Ivison used the second story of the main building for drying machines, and Kluff & Walden used the third story for drying yarn by steam. There was a damage of about \$1000 to the factory building. Smith & Ivison's loss will reach about \$2000, and that of Kluff & Walden about \$1000. A loss of about \$4000, which is, it is thought, fully insured in the Equitable, Mutual, Girard, and other insurance companies.

GOLD AND SILVER bullion bricks, nuggets, and ingots of gold, are beginning to come in from the West, and the agents of many companies have practically demonstrated the fact by sending or bringing on the precious dust, and one can see and feel these convincing arguments that there is money in the gold and silver mining business. Those who would feel in their pockets must secure a stock interest in some good enterprise of this kind. The North American Mining Company, office No. 37 Walnut street, is undoubtedly a safe and good one in which to embark. This company has nearly two miles of silver lodes, and will probably be in a dividend-paying condition before next January.

ABOUT A BARREL OF EGGS.—William Hadley, of Philadelphia, George L. Crapp, and John Fitzsimmons, were arrested by Officers Clark and Ward yesterday afternoon, charged with stealing a barrel of eggs belonging to Geo. Engelt. The eggs were stolen from Spruce street wharf. Hadley and Crapp were charged for receiving the stolen goods, and were committed to the City Jail. Officer Ward, but he subsequently succeeded in arresting them. Alderman Lutz committed the entire party to prison.

"SHOVING THE QUEER."—Patrick Malony was arrested last evening for passing counterfeit currency in the neighborhood of Fourth and Shippen streets. Forty twenty-five and fifty cent counterfeit currency notes were found on his person. He was committed for a hearing before the United States Commissioner.

DISURRING A CONGREGATION.—A man named Edward Willar was arrested last evening for disturbing the congregation of the Mariners' Bethel Church, corner of Penn and Shippen streets. He was taken before Alderman Triermer, who committed him in default of \$800 bail.

CORRECTION.—The advertisement appearing in a morning paper that the lecture of Rev. Dr. Balgange, on "Dumbbell & Co.," will take place at Court Hall, is incorrect. It will not occur to-morrow (Friday) evening is the correct time.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—On account of sudden indisposition, Mr. Theodore Forman will not be able to make his debut to-morrow evening. Mr. Franz Himmer will take his part, and it is said to be one of his finest performances.

WHAT IS MY THOUGHT LIKE?—What is my thought like? Why, indeed, it's like a court where law, or plead it; It's like a switch upon the hide Of lazy wretches well appaid; For, like a court, it's full of suits, Though these are garments, not disputes; Like a switch, though it won't fret you, For in good habits it will set you.

Now what my thought is I need I to? What but the lower you know so well? Our stock of clothing is the largest and most complete in the city, and is sold at prices guaranteed lower than the lowest. TOWER HALL, No. 515 MARKET STREET, BENEDET & CO.

SPRING FASHIONS in gentlemen's clothing at Charles Stokes & Co's, one price, under the Continental.

WINDOW SHADES, Curtains, Cornices, Bolding and Upholstery, at W. Henry Fatten's West End Upholstery Establishment, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

NOTICE.—Persons wishing to contribute to the sale of Free Banners to be held at Seaton's Art Gallery, No. 1030 Chesnut street, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 15th and 16th instant, must have them in store on or before Saturday, the 10th instant.

Upholstery work of every description done immediately on call, at Fatten's, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

FURNITURE REPAIRED, Re-upholstered, and Var-nished, at W. Henry Fatten's, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

SHIRAZ MULLEN, Tucked Muslins, Tape Checks, Nainsook, Swiss, Jacquenet, and Cambria Muslins, Silk, Swiss Cambric, Fines, Buff Marcelline, J. C. STRAWBRIDGE & Co., N. W. corner Eighth and Market streets.

SPRING MATTRASSES overhauled, mended, and made up new, at W. Henry Fatten's, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

WILL OPEN on the 5th instant one case very fine double width all-wool Delaines, all the new and choice shades, at 90 cents per yard, the same as are now being sold at \$1.10. J. C. STRAWBRIDGE & Co., N. W. corner Eighth and Market streets.

BOLTERS and FELLOWS of the finest quality, at W. Henry Fatten's, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

QUEST.—What is the difference between a school-master and a railroad conductor? One trains the mind and the other minds the train. The difference is not in kind, but in degree. If you want the best, go to W. W. Fatten, No. 1408 N. 11th street, below Girard avenue. After a consultation, dealer, and sells at a very small advance. Branch office, Sixth and Spring Garden streets.

WORKMEN sent out to Upholsterers of any description, at W. Henry Fatten's, No. 1408 Chesnut street.

THREE HALLS Paris, Organdy, and Jacquenet Laces, the latest patterns, comprising some of the richest designs imported. Prices reasonable. J. C. STRAWBRIDGE & Co., N. W.